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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 09050

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRLINER - REPRESENTATIONS ON
BEHALF OF KOREAN GOVERNMENT

REF: STATE 105887

1. DCM CONTACTED KAPITSA TODAY WITH REQUEST FOR CONSULAR
ACCESS TO KAL PILOT AND NAVIGATOR, AND FOR INFORMATION
REGARDING STATUS OF INVESTIGATION AND ANTICIPATED
COMPLETION DATE. KAPITSA SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
PROBLEM IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH U.S. CONSULAR OFFICER
"IF PILOT AND NAVIGATOR ARE IN MOSCOW OR LENINGRAD." IF
THEY SHOULD STILL BE IN KEM', HE ADDED, THIS MIGHT BE
DIFFICULT. IN ANY EVENT, HE PROMISED TO CHECK ON THE
SITUATION AND LET US KNOW. AS FOR THE STATUS OF THE
INVESTIGATION, KAPITSA SAID HE WOULD TRY TO FIND OUT, BUT
AT THE MOMENT HE COULD ONLY REPEAT THAT SOVIETS HAVE NO
INTENTION OF PROTRACTING THE MATTER. AS OF COB TODAY, HE
HAS NOT PROVIDED REPLY TO OUR REQUESTS.

2. WE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO MAKE APPOINTMENT IN MFA USA
DIVISION TO MAKE ORAL APPROACH REGARDING FORMAL ASSUMPTION
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OF REPRESENTATION OF KOREAN INTERESTS. WE WERE UNABLE
TO SECURE APPOINTMENT TODAY, HOWEVER, BUT WILL CONTINUE
TO PURSUE MATTER TOMORROW.

3. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT KAPITSA'S PROFESSED UNCERTAINTY
ABOUT CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF PILOT AND NAVIGATOR IS AT
VARIANCE WITH HIS STATEMENT APRIL 24 THAT THEY WERE TO

BE BROUGHT TO LENINGRAD ON THAT DATE. WE ALSO NOTE THAT
HE HAS RAISED NO QUESTION REGARDING U.S. STATUS IN
DEALING WITH MATTER. TOON

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